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SUBJECT: SITREP FOR 26 MARCH 1973

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1. SUMMARY: THE MILITARY SITUATION IS UNUSUALLY QUIET. IN THE PAST SUCH INTERLUDES USUALLY PRECEDED PERIODS OF INCREASED FIGHTING BUT THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE INDICATING AGGRESSIVE ENEMY INTENTIONS AT THE MOMENT. THE HUNGARIANS MAY SEND AN ICCS TEAM BACK TO TRI TON. MARCH 26 IS NATIONAL FARMERS' DAY IN THE DELTA.

2. SECURITY: THE LEVEL OF REPORTED VC/ NVA INITIATED INCIDENTS (29) DROPPED APPRECIABLY IN THE DELTA OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS. THE NVA ATTACK IN THE HONG NGU- CAI CAI AREA HAS DIMINISHED IN INTENSITY. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT THE LOSSES INFLICTED ON THE NVA CAUSED IT TO PULL BACK FROM THE FIGHT. CHUONG THIEN IS OMINOUSLY QUIET. CHAU DOC AND DINH TUONG REPORT AN UNUSUALLY LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. IN THE PAST, SUCH PEACEFUL PERIODS

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PRESAGED OFFENSIVES, BUT THERE IS NO FIRM INDICATION AT THE MOMENT THAT THE VC/ NVA ARE GETTING READY TO LAUNCH A LARGE SCALE ATTACK IN THE DELTA. THERE WERE SEVERAL WIDELY- SCATTERED TERRORIST INCIDENTS AND ASSASSINATIONS OVER THE WEEKEND IN MR IV.

3. ICCS:

A. AN INDONESIAN LIEUTENANT COLONEL WITH THE CAN THO ICCS ENTRY CONTROL POINT TEAM WAS WOUNDED BY A BULLET WHICH STRUCK THE VEHICLE HE WAS RIDING IN DOWNTOWN CAN THO THE EVENING OF MARCH 25. U. S. DOCTORS WHO TREATED THE OFFICER DESCRIBED HIS CONDITION AS NOT SERIOUS. THE SHOT WAS APPARENT- FIRED BY A DRUNKEN SOLDIER. DETAILS WERE REPORTED IN CAN THO' S 87.

B. THE REGION VII HUNGARIAN ICCS DELEGATION SAID IT WILL SEND A NEW TEAM TO TRI TON MARCH 26. THE POLISH DELEGATION HAS REPORTEDLY NOT DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL GO BACK TO TRI TON.

C. A 107 MM ROCKET STRUCK MY THO CITY, HEADQUARTERS OF ICCS REGION VI, MARCH 24, SERIOUSLY WOUNDING FOUR VIETNAMESE. THE PROVINCE CHIEF CARRIED ROCKET FRAGMENTS TO THE ICCS AND REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION. ONLY THE CANADIAN DELEGATION VISITED THE SCENE. THE PROVINCE CHIEF WAS REPORTEDLY DIS- COURAGED BY ICCS' S FAILURE TO REACT TO SUCH A BALTANT CEASE- FIRE VIOLATION. AMBASSADOR GAUVIN VISITED MY THO MARCH 25 TO DISCUSS WITH HIS DELEGATION REGION VI' S FAILURE TO CON- DUCT A SINGLE INVESTIGATION. THE REGION VI CANADIANS ARE NOW PLANNING TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE OTHER DELEGATIONS AGREE TO PARTICIPATE.

4. GVN ACTIVITIES: CAN THO WAS BEDECKED WITH BANNERS AND FILLED WITH FARMERS MARCH 26, ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL FARMERS' S DAY. PRESIDENT THIEU DISTRUBUTED LAND TITLES TO FARMERS IN DOWNTOWN CAN THO AND OPENED AN AGRI- CULTURAL EXHIBITION HALL IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY. SIMILAR CEREMONIES ON A SMALLER SCALE WERE HELD IN PROVINCE CAPITALS THROUGHOUT THE DELTA. SIGNED WISNER UNQUOTE BUNKER

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